One Team One Family

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Letter From the Editors….

***Blackjack Beat* Editors, CPT Ennis**

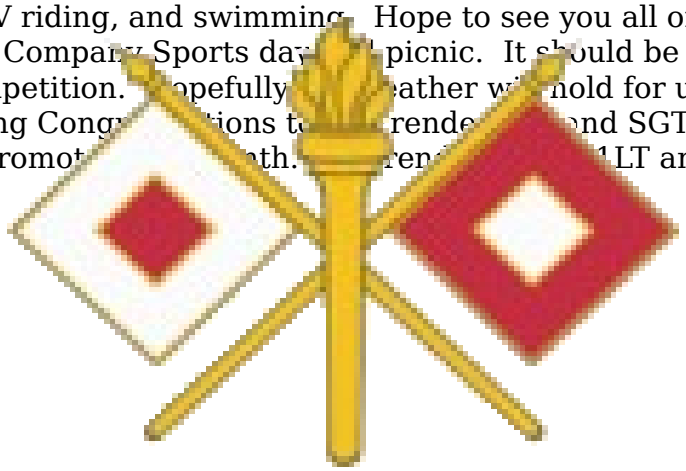
Captain's Corner: *CPT Adam W. Ennis*

Hello once again. I know it has been a while and I apologize. As many of you know the company has been real busy over the last few months. And you may not know, but our motorpool is beginning to fill with equipment. The company is winding down from over a year of digital training. I know that the soldiers are happy about this, I know I am. With the new equipment brings new challenges and excitement. Finally after a year of digital training the company will finally start getting to use the equipment we were trained on. The new company operations facility is looking better by the week. We just planted a couple of bushes and many orange flowers in front of the building. One thing that is a negative of the building is all the grass we have around it. The grass is growing so fast that we need to mow it about twice a week

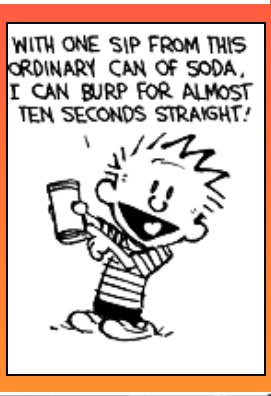
A thanks goes out to SPC Ensign for the company PT shirt design. We finally received our t-shirts two weeks ago. They look great. A thanks also goes out to CW2 Noakes, SGT Damon, SPC Ensign, and SPC Hutchinson for the design of the Company web page. We should see it posted in the next week or two. We are just waiting for the final approval from the 507th Signal Company. The TOC Platoon is busy getting the BDE TOC ready for its sustainment training. The BSB Platoon is preparing to do a convoy with the Brigade Support Battalion at the end of the month.

Well I hope many of you are getting out and about. There are many things to do in Alaska during the summer. Fishing, Camping, traveling, hunting, ATV riding, and swimming. Hope to see you all on the 18th of June for the Company Sports day and picnic. It should be a day of good fun and competition. Hopefully the weather will hold for us.

One last thing Congratulations to Lt. Lorenden and SGT Rivera. They were both promoted this month. Lorenden to 1LT and SGT Rivera to SSG.



Calvin & Hobbes…
By Bill Watterson



Family Readiness Group

Contributed By Heather Ennis

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Hello again. I know it's been awhile since we've published a newsletter, but hopefully we'll be able to drum up a little more interest this time. The winter is finally over and I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful sunshine, because we'll be getting a lot of it.

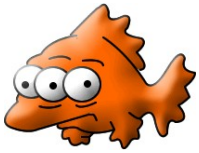
Stacy and I want to thank all the men and women who have been coming to our monthly pow-wow's for the frg. We would also like to invite any and everyone to come and join us. We discuss ideas for the next frg meeting, upcoming events on and off post, and generally just enjoy each others' company. The meetings take place monthly on the first Saturday after the second payday at 1 p.m. in the company. The doors are open to anyone who wants to come in and snacks even make an appearance from time to time. Please feel free to join us!

At the latest meeting we discussed having a spouse outing to Anchorage. The idea of packing into some vans and going to Anchorage without kids for a weekend was very appealing. Let us know if anyone out there is interested. The more the merrier.

Recently the company has experienced its first crisis. We want to thank everyone for their immediate and total support of the Wendt family. At the moment the Tomlin family is experiencing their own crisis. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this difficult time. It is comforting to see the level of support we are capable of in an emergency situation. Thank you all.

If anyone out there has ideas or complaints please let us know. As always we would love feedback or suggestions. If we don't see you enjoy the warmth and try not to feed the mosquitoes too much.

Heather Ennis, Co-Leader 1490-6533). Stacy Brandon, Co-Leader and Treasurer (356-1852). Carol Holt, Assistant and baker extraordinaire.



Ideas

Interested in what to do in Alaska?

If you're interested in some summer activities here are some things to check out:

*Pioneer Park is a free activity for an hour our two. Walk amongst the shops and look for gifts for family and friends in the lower 48. Take the kids on the train and then let them exhaust themselves in one of the playgrounds.

*If you're looking for something that takes longer than one afternoon, visit Chena Hot Springs. Relax in one of the many spas, outside in the hot spring, or even get a massage. If you're planning on going a few more times before leaving Alaska, look into the family pass and save some money.

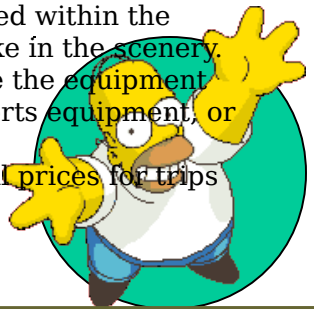
*Want to save money on one of the many blockbuster movies coming out this summer? Hop across the street to the gas station and save some money on reduced price tickets. Just wait a week or two after opening before getting the reduced price.

*Into archery but don't want to fight mosquitoes? Go indoors at $6 for a full day at North Pole Archery.

*Do you love camping? Camp at Denali Park nestled within the mountains. It's a beautiful place to hike or just take in the scenery.

*If you're interested in the outdoors but don't have the equipment visit MWR on post to rent camping equipment, sports equipment, or even a boat.

*Don't forget to look at www.alaska.com for special prices for trips throughout Alaska.



Any ideas on how to keep busy in Alaska? Give us your ideas and we'll put them in.

BLACKJACK SPORTS

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Two Soldiers from the Blackjack Family went to the finals in the BDEs combative tournament. SPC Ziegler and SPC Hunter. Due to a slight accident, SPC Hunter could not compete. SPC Ziegler took second place for his weight group. CONGRADS.

www. INFO: ArmySports.com

Hey -Check It: YOU!

Finally, some websites that are worth checking out! Try: *www.wainwright.army.mil and click on the 4-11FAR website. 21st BSC is located there. See your soldiers in action. In time we will have our own site.*

Also, *www.armytimes.com* offers you a great look at all the latest Army gossip that's floating around. Wanna know about the new racy presidential intern? Find it

Selling or Buying?

Let us know if you have something you want to buy or sell and we'll put it in the newsletter.

PLATOON LEADERS

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1LT Michael Blackburn Platoon Leader

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1LT Stacy Mitchell Platoon Leader

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1LT Neal Prendergast Platoon Leader